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CAPACITY IN TELECOM FACTORY, RICHHAI
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the capacity of Galvanizing Plant at Telecom Factory, Richhai is under-utilized ranging from 34 to 41 per cent;

(b) if so, the details of shortfall in production during the last five years alongwith the reasons therefor; and

(c) the fresh steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRIMATI S MAHAJAN)

(a) Yes, Sir. The capacity of galvanizing plant at Telecom Factory Richhai is partly under utilized. The percentage utilization during last 5 year ranged between 59% to 83%(in terms of weight of the material galvanized) and not 34% to 41%.

(b) Installed capacity of the plant is 26000 M.Ts. The details of shortfall in production along with the reasons therefor are as under:-

Year	Production achievement	Shortfall	
	Quantity	Percentage	
1997-1998	15,644	10356	40%
1998-1999	15,276	10724	41%
1999-2000	17,148	8852	34%
2000-2001	16,143	9857	38%
2001-2002	21,549	4451	17%

The weight of the material galvanized is dependent upon the actual product mix which in turn is based upon the demand, hence the shortfall in terms of tonnage.

(c) Towers and tubes fabricated at Jabalpur and Bhilai Factories are also being galvanized at TF Richhai so as to achieve optimum utilization of galvanizing plant.